

# FACTSheet

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



## WAPA serves Colorado

**W**estern Area Power Administration is one of four power marketing administrations within the Department of Energy that markets and transmits wholesale electricity. Its service area encompasses a 15-state region of the central and western U.S. where its 17,280-circuit-mile transmission system carries electricity from 57 hydroelectric powerplants. WAPA sells power to preference customers who in turn provide retail electric service to more than 40 million Americans.

### Powerplants and FY21 net generation (GWh):

Big Thompson: 5  
Blue Mesa: 185  
Crystal: 138  
Estes: 113  
Flatiron: 250  
Green Mountain: 26  
Lower Molina: 3  
Marys Lake: 42  
McPhee: 1  
Morrow Point: 248  
Mount Elbert: 217  
Pole Hill: 202  
Towaoc: 7  
Upper Molina: 6

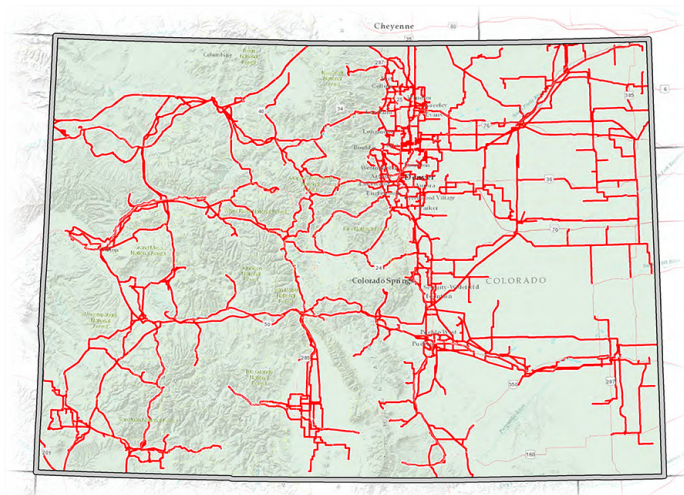
### Types of customers:

Municipalities: 25  
Cooperatives: 8  
Federal agencies: 7  
Investor-owned utilities: 5  
Power marketers: 5  
Native American tribes: 2

### Projects:

#### Loveland Area Projects

The Loveland Area Projects include the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project and the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Western Division for marketing and rate-setting purposes.

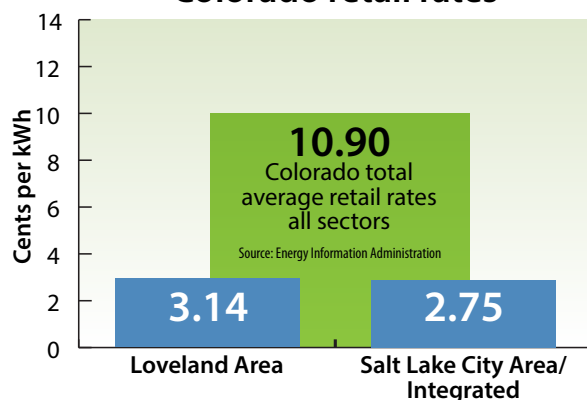


Map shows transmission infrastructure in Colorado.

#### Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects

Power generated at the Colorado River Storage Project and from the Collbran and Rio Grande projects was combined into the Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects in 1987.

### WAPA wholesale rates vs. Colorado retail rates



**444**  
federal employees (non-craft)

**56**  
craft employees

**2,085**  
miles of transmission line

**55**  
substations

**37**  
transformers

**82**  
communication sites

**14**  
hydroelectric powerplants

**3,867**  
GWh sold

*Disclaimer: Information presented here may have been rounded, estimated or simplified for the sake of clarity. For current data or for topics not covered on this fact sheet, contact your regional WAPA office.*